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1. RECENT FIELD TRIPS TO POPPY GROWING REGIONS HAVE  
REVEALED HIGHER VOLUME THAN ANTICIPATED OF LATE SEASON PUR-  
CHASES BY TMO (SOIL PRODUCTS OFFICE). FINAL OFFICIAL FIGURE  
FOR 1975/76 CROP YEAR IS 14,200 TONS INSTEAD OF 13,000  
EXPECTED. HARVESTED AREA WAS 20,300 HECTARES OUT OF LICENSED  
AREA OF 53,200. THESE FIGURES INDICATE 1975-76 CROP WAS  
SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN IN 1974/75 WHEN TMO PURCHASED  
5,900 TONS OF CAPSULES FROM HARVESTED AREA OF 7,500 HECTARES  
OUT OF LICENSED AREA OF 20,000 HECTARES.

2. TO DATE 6,500 TONS OF CAPSULES ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN  
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SOLD, 5,000 AT \$1,412 PER TON, 1,500 AT \$1,505. THESE PRICES  
COMPARE WITH COSTS TO TMO OF \$1,575 PER TON FOR FALL PLANTED  
CAPSULES AND \$1,400 FOR SPRING PLANTED CAPSULES. THIS  
COST ESTIMATE INCLUDES PRICE PAID TO FARMERS, STORAGE,  
SHIPPING AND SOME CONTROL COSTS BUT DOES NOT COVER  
EXPENSES FOR TMO STAFF. THUS, CONTROL SYSTEM REPRESENTS BURDEN ON

GOT, AND IF SALES PRICES DECLINE AS EXPECTED AND/OR TMO  
IS UNABLE TO SELL FULL AMOUNT OF ITS STOCKS, BURDEN WILL  
BECOME SUBSTANTIAL.

3. PROSPECTS FOR 1976/77 INDICATE BUMPER CROP IS LIKELY,  
LARGELY DUE TO FAVORABLE WEATHER CONDITIONS DURING THE FALL.  
WITH LARGER AREA LICENSED FOR PLANTING, WE SHOULD EXPECT A  
LARGER HARVEST NEXT SUMMER UNLESS WINTER PROVES TO BE  
VERY SEVERE. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE SPRING PLANINGS TO RE-  
PLACE CROP LOST DURING WINTER. FARMERS' DEMANDS FOR LICENSES  
HAVE BEEN VERY HIGH, AND THEY ARE BEING ALLOWED MULTIPLE  
FIELDS TO REACH THE FIVE-DECARE LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY LAW.  
AVERAGE AREA PER FARMER SHOULD, THEREFORE, EXCEED FOUR  
DECARES AND IN SOME LOCALITIES APPROACH FIVE.

4. TURKS APPEAR COMMITTED TO A 20,000 TONS ALKALOID PLANT  
AND HAVE CTNTRACTED WITH A GERMAN FIRM (KNOLL) TO BUILD  
PLANT AND SUPPLY TECHNICAL HELP. PLANT WILL NOT BE READY TO  
GO INTO PRODUCTION UNTIL LATE 1978 OR 1979.

5. CONCERN ABOUT OVERPRODUCTION IS STRONGER AMONG REGIONAL  
TMO STAFF, THAN AT CONTROL CENTER IN ANKARA.  
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